

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Serving the public interest means taking responsibility for political content that is aired and especially facetious political propaganda such as this "Stolen Honor" program - which is full of lies and distortions. Serving the public interest does not mean exploiting this media channel to coerce voters' to support the candidates that the media company supports wholeheartedly.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.